

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4105

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 1955

Mr. REED of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend sections 1, 3, and 4 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That section 1 (b) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
4 of 1938, as amended (56 Stat. 248), is amended by adding
5 thereto a new paragraph (6) to read as follows:

6 “(6) A domestic partnership, association, corporation,
7 organization, or other combination of individuals, supervised,
8 directed, controlled, or financed, in whole or in substantial
9 part, by any foreign government or foreign political party;”.

10 SEC. 2. Section 3 (d) of such Act is amended to read
11 as follows:

1 “(d) Any person engaging or agreeing to engage only
2 in private and nonpolitical financial or mercantile activities in
3 furtherance of the bona fide trade or commerce of such for-
4 eign principal or in the soliciting and collecting of funds and
5 contributions within the United States to be used only for
6 medical aid and assistance, or for food and clothing to relieve
7 human suffering, if such solicitation or collection of funds and
8 contributions is in accordance with and subject to the pro-
9 visions of the Act of November 4, 1939, as amended (54
10 Stat. 48), and such rules and regulations as may be pre-
11 scribed thereunder;”.

12 SEC. 3. Section 4 (a) of such Act is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 “(a) Every person within the United States who is an
15 agent of a foreign principal and required to register under
16 the provisions of this Act and who transmits or causes to be
17 transmitted in the United States mails or by any means or
18 instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce any politi-
19 cal propaganda shall, not later than forty-eight hours after
20 the beginning of the transmittal thereof, send to the Librarian
21 of Congress two copies thereof and file with the Attorney
22 General one copy thereof and a statement, duly signed by or
23 on behalf of such agent, setting forth full information as
24 to the places, times, and extent of such transmittal.”

1 SEC. 4. Section 4 (b) of such Act is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 “(b) It shall be unlawful for any person within the
4 United States who is an agent of a foreign principal and
5 required to register under the provisions of this Act to trans-
6 mit or cause to be transmitted in the United States mails or
7 by any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign
8 commerce any political propaganda unless such political
9 propaganda is conspicuously marked at its beginning with,
10 or prefaced or accompanied by, a true and accurate state-
11 ment, in the language or languages used in such political
12 propaganda, setting forth that the person transmitting such
13 political propaganda or causing it to be transmitted is regis-
14 tered under this Act with the Department of Justice, Wash-
15 ington, District of Columbia, as an agent of a foreign princi-
16 pal, together with the name and address of such agent of a
17 foreign principal and of each of his foreign principals; that, as
18 required by this Act, his registration statement is available for
19 inspection at and copies of such political propaganda are being
20 filed with the Department of Justice; and that registration of
21 agents of foreign principals required by the Act does not indi-
22 cate approval by the United States Government of the con-
23 tents of their political propaganda. The Attorney General,
24 having due regard for the national security and the public in-

1 terest, may by regulation prescribe the language or languages
2 and the manner and form in which such statements shall be
3 made and require the inclusion of such other information con-
4 tained in the registration statement identifying such agent of
5 a foreign principal and such political propaganda and its
6 sources as may be appropriate.”

7 SEC. 5. Section 4 of such Act is amended by adding
8 thereto a new subsection “(e)” to read as follows:

9 “(e) Any person not within the United States who uses
10 the United States mails or any means or instrumentality of
11 interstate or foreign commerce within the United States to
12 circulate or disseminate any political propaganda shall be
13 regarded as acting within the United States and as subject
14 to the provisions of this Act, except that this subsection (e)
15 shall have no application to such person outside the United
16 States when his use of the United States mails or a means
17 or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce within
18 the United States is confined to the transmittal of prints or
19 other material to a person duly registered under the terms
20 of this Act.”

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